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THE CAMPAIGN OF 1896.

What We Believe the Different Parties Will Do, And the Result.



FINANCIAL issues, when entering into a political campaign, whether it be national, state or local, will engross the attention of all people. When our pockets are touched we apparently feel it

more generally than if only our pride, our religion, or our creed is assailed.

The coming presidential campaign will be fought principally over the financial issue, unless some unforeseen thing happens to distract the attention from it. Realizing this, what is or will be the probable outcome?

The situation as we see it is this: The interests of the eastern states, the manufacturing centers where the money of this country has been accumulating for many years, through the policy of protection carried out by the republican party; where the mortgages upon the agricultural lands of the west and south are held, and where also are hoarded the obligations of the government, are for a dear money; for a kind of money that is considered of more value by these wealthy men because of its greater value in foreign countries where they spend the most of it; for a gold money or basis of all values. They are not caring about how much any other part of the country may suffer by reason of its inability to adapt itself to a gold standard system. They sell their stocks and bonds on a gold market, buy their finery and seek their amusements in a gold base country, and have to have the gold with which to buy their sons and daughters blue-bellied titles with wives and husbands thrown in. That section—but a small area of territory, but densely populated and corporately wealthy—is, and will be unalterably opposed to any change in our system of finances that would be likely to lessen the value of a gold dollar over a silver dollar. Those men will unite, in all parties, in an attempt to compel the nomination of men and adoption of platforms in sympathy with their interests. And they will have sympathizers in the west and south; some of them men whose sordid love of wealth has drowned out love of country and humanity, and others who hope to curry favor with an element they think may possibly win in their political plans.

These are the elements that are at work in the interests of gold monometallism.

Opposed to these elements are what? The entire agricultural interests of the west and south. We sell most of our products on a market fixed by silver using countries. We have no bonds or stocks; no wealth to throw away in pleasure trips to Europe; no morbid desire to buy a count or a duchess into our families. We of the west and south have our wheat fields and corn fields, our cotton and tobacco plantations, our cattle and hogs, our machine shops and dairies. We have not asked for Uncle Sam to levy a tax on what those eastern fellows consume in order to help us on our "infant" farms and struggling herds; we believe that if given a fair show in the markets of the world we can maintain ourselves in respectability and put up our share of the necessary expenses of running the government.

Those of us who are in debt want to pay out; but we don't want to pay two bushels of wheat when we only contracted to pay one. We want the functions of all kinds of money to be the same, and we believe it un-American, unpatriotic and unjust to have, as we have today, one kind of money for the use of the wealthy and another kind for the poor and moderately well-to-do. We believe that silver money should be made as good as gold money, that it should have all the rights and privileges of the yellow and more aristocratic money. We do not care a snap whether the Englishman likes silver or not—we know we can get along without him better than he can get along without us. The interests of the vast territory of the west and south is

therefore for a just recognition of silver, a placing it on an equality with gold in this country.

The west and south therefore should unite in compelling the nomination of candidates and the adoption of principles in line with our interests, as the eastern fellows are united in the effort for gold.

Will we thus unite? It is the hope of the writer, and the hope is strengthened by the returns from every county convention held thus far in the west and south, that the democratic national convention at Chicago will be made up of and controlled by delegates favorable to silver's recognition. We realize that there might be a sloughing off of the New York delegates, a bolt of the gold bugs as it were. But we also believe that a sufficient number of voters from other parties would be drawn to the democratic ticket by reason of such a bold and loyal stand for the interests of the masses to assure its success on election day.

We believe also, that the republican national convention at St. Louis will be controlled this year, as it has been in past years, by the eastern element in the party; and while there will be many men in that convention from the west and south who realize that a just recognition of silver is the only hope of their section of country for industrial freedom, they will not accomplish such recognition. They have so long did homage to the gods of protection; so long helped to levy tribute from the producer for the building up of the manufacturer that they will again be compelled to give in to the latter's demands and continue to worship the golden calf.

If these predictions be correct, the democratic party will then be fighting in the interests of the laborer and producer of the vast west and south, and the republican party in the interests of the manufacturer and bondholder of that little hot-bed of aristocracy which does not extend beyond a radius of 200 miles around New York City.

What will the populists do under such circumstances? Most of them, the level-headed ones who are honest in their assertion that principle comes before party, will join with the democrats in a grand march to victory. Some of them who believe there is more in party than in principle—for them—will put up a ticket and keep a few votes away from the democrats of the west and south—but none from the republicans of the east. What they do, however, will not cut any figure in the national fight, if the democrats stand by the principles of Jefferson and Jackson and demand "the greatest good to the greatest number."

This, reader, is our opinion of the coming campaign, its possibilities and its outcome. Unless we are mistaken, there is every reason for western democrats, for democrats of Kansas and of Barton county, to feel hopeful of ultimate success.

The fight is bound to be upon the financial issue principally. The republicans cannot avoid the issue or change it. The increase of revenue under the democratic Wilson tariff law, and since the repeal of the McKinley law, is a stumbling block to the old protective tariff idea; the decrease in the price of clothing and most all other things our people buy is a telling rebuke to the high tariff enthusiasts. The battle to be fought by the two great parties in the United States this summer and fall will be upon the financial question; and the honest voters of the locality most interested only in the supremacy of gold two to one. There can be but one result, and that is the supremacy of the masses through the democratic party.

The funeral services of Mike Airheart will be held at the house today at 2 o'clock p. m. The S. of V. of this city will have charge of the services.

Send for sample copy of this week's Kansas Farmer—no partisan politics in it—and then take advantage of the following low clubbing rate: The DEMOCRAT and the old reliable Kansas Farmer both one year for \$1.50. Save money.

The high school students will give an exhibition of scientific experiments, on Friday evening of this week, in the Hulme hall. Refreshments will also be served, and you cannot spend an hour more pleasantly than by calling upon them. Admission 10 cents, refreshments 5 cents.

STABBING AT OLMITZ

A Serious Cutting Affray That May End In The Death Of One Man.



ERRIBLE deeds are done in the heat of passion—deeds that shock community and cause the perpetrators thereof to spend a life of repentance. A cutting affair that

may result in death to one and a prison life to another otherwise good citizen of this county, occurred at Olmitz on Monday evening the 6th inst. From what we can learn, the circumstances are as follows:

Ernest Lux and Narzis Schwartz, both farmers living near Olmitz, met in that town Monday evening of last week, and got into a dispute over what property each one owned. Each had been drinking some, and hot words soon brought on a personal encounter, with the result that Narzis Schwartz is today in a very serious condition, with three knife wounds, one in his right breast and two in the back near the shoulder.

Frank Schwartz, son of the injured man, and the only eye witness to the affair, came to Great Bend Thursday and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Ernest Lux, charging him with attempted murder. He was arrested and brought before Justice B. F. Ogle for examination. His preliminary hearing was continued to April 18th, at 10 a. m., and he was remanded to jail in default of \$1500 bond pending such hearing.

We have been unable to get the full particulars of the affair, as the people up there do not care to talk about it. In Judge Ogles court the vest worn by Schwartz, showing the three knife wounds, and stiff with the blood of the woner was seen.

Both parties to this unfortunate trouble are said to be well-to-do, industrious farmers who have heretofore borne good reputations. Schwartz is a brother of the man Schwartz, who was found murdered, near his home, about five years ago.

The board of county commissioners opened the regular quarterly session, Monday.

Bob Allison is this year trying some extra early seed corn, which he had shipped in from the east.

A number of our young folks will enjoy a select dance, at the A. O. U. W. hall Friday evening, the 17th.

Verg McCracken has been dangerously sick, at one of the hotels in Lyons, with trouble of the intestines. The surgeon's knife was used on him last week.

Did you plant a tree yesterday? If you did not plant a dozen or more you made a mistake—providing always you had the trees, the time, and the place to plant them.

Clarence Jones and Theresa Zimmer both of Olmitz, called upon Probate Judge McCorkle last Thursday and so started the spring matrimonial wave by taking out a license.

Saturday nights rain knocked the S. of V. cake walk in the head; but then it went a long way toward making something with which to make cakes the coming fall and winter, when the walking will be better.

We thought to stop the press last Wednesday to announce the arrival of a young daughter at the home of W. F. Putnam, but Roy, who is brother to the young lady, and also head boss in mechanical department of the DEMOCRAT, said, "O. that's nothing," so we deferred the pleasure of the announcement one week.

Elsewhere it will be seen that the Santa Fe route has made a Home-seekers rate to Kansas points, with a rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00. When writing to your friends in the east who are contemplating making you a visit, or looking at the country, it would be well to call their attention to this rate. The dates of sale of these Home-seekers tickets will be April 21st and May 5th.

LOCAL NOTES.

The fisherman liar is now blooming out in full color.

Wilmet McClimans is now assisting in the Cyclone.

All vegetable truck is now fairly lumping itself.

Knights of Columbia meet Friday night of this week.

Geo. Dunn is assisting Axel Wimmergren, the painter.

There is no better praise for a friend than to say: He is faithful.

Highest market price for eggs. Cash or trade. A. R. Moss.

Spring house cleaning is taking the attention of the frugal housewife.

W. M. Gunnell has moved his office to the rooms over G. N. & E. R. Moses.

To TRADE—A good watch for a single driving horse. Call at this office.

"Beulah" got in too late for this week. Jump the cars a day earlier, "Beulah."

A good, second-hand set of double harness for sale cheap. C. A. PELTER.

Hail is reported to have done some damage in the north part of the county last week.

We are offering bigger bargains than ever. Come in and see. A. R. Moss.

A change in the time card of the Santa Fe is promised, to take effect May 1st.

Mr. Altman, of the south-east part of the state, has taken a position on the Tribune.

A rain every Sunday will be all right if we get a few others sandwiched in between.

The sweet girl graduate is now speculating upon how cute she will look in her new dress.

Joe Troillet has added a new tobacco cutting machine to his already well equipped factory.

We want your Eggs, Butter and Poultry. Goods at cost. A. R. Moss.

A young child of Mr and Mrs. Marshall Fosburg died on Tuesday morning of last week.

Bob Brown now appears to be an agreeable fixture as an assistant at Theo. Griffith's store.

Fred S. Aber and wife have gone to near Alva, Ok., where Mr. Aber has secured a good claim.

Charlie Beye has been furnishing the grocers with new radishes and lettuce for the past few weeks.

A marriage license was issued Friday to John Mansolf and Miss Lena Gagelman, both of Clarence township.

Show us the snoozer who said his wheat was all drowned out. We want to biff him one, a little so-so also.

J. A. Brockway is now the butter maker at the Great Bend creamery, with John Quillen as first assistant.

The Miller and Allison telegraph line is being established, connecting the post office with the Santa Fe depot.

The B. & M. flyer made an extra trip to Hoisington Tuesday after several cars of cattle for Dickson & Shore.

The "Cyclone" and Theo. Griffith have had their store windows handsomely decorated with new and tasty signs.

Barton county's delegation to the Dodge City convention today is said to be a unit for E. L. Hotchkiss for Appellate Court Judge.

Wm. Schwiwer was in town the last of the week, and reports that the Pawnee Rock skimming station will soon be agitating the lacteal fluid.

Rev. W. L. Swartz, formerly of this county, is located at Walton, Harvey county, for the next year; and Rev. R. A. Dadisman at Sterling.

Did you know there was an eclipse of the sun almost all afternoon Saturday? Fact; a dust cloud got between old Sol and mother Earth.

Alack-a-day, alack-a-day! Kansas City went A. P. A., and elected for mayor a man named Jones! Wouldn't that crush your cobble stones?

Friday afternoon of last week the scholars in Miss Marie Schwartz's room called on her at her home, after school, and gave her a very agreeable surprise.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Bob Burdette Graphically Describes it, and We will all Stand by Bob.



WHEN Bob was recently asked by a friend to state his understanding of the "Monroe Doctrine" he promptly sat down and wrote to the friend the following characteristic, though brief, description:

"The Monroe doctrine simply and explicitly declares that no blamed foreign nation shall slide down our cellar door; that England, and France, and the Dagos shall not hang on our front gate to do their courting, nor go around behind our barn to take a fall out of the Kaizer; that they can't bring over their own syrup pots and cider spoons and make molasses in our maple grove; that Germany and Austria can't spot no bee trees in our woods; that Italy can't cut her wood out of our hedg rows; that old Russia can't spank her neighbors' children with our butter paddle."

"The Monroe doctrine simply means that we are the bull of the woods between two oceans, and that the man who joins farms with us on either side had better not move the boundary or monkey with the corner stone until he talks to us about it, and that he can't sub-let a patch of his farm to anybody until we are satisfied the new tenant will make a good neighbor for us."

And Bob might have added, that even after the adjoining farm is rented if the tenants are going to be bulldozed and imposed upon by the feller holding a trust deed on the farm—as in the case of Cuba, for instance—we'll hop over the fence, if necessary, and see that the tenant has a fair shake.

Great Bend's Officers.

The new city council was organized last Friday night, and starts out on its year's business filled with a determination to give the best city administration ever had.

F. V. Russell was reappointed City Attorney, R. T. Ewalt reappointed Marshall, George Crummack appointed City Clerk, and Will A. Rush Street Commissioner.

A roster of the city officers is as follows:

Mayor—Geo. N. Moses.
Council—1st ward, H. J. Myers and J. E. Savage; 2d ward, Theo. Griffith and John Dickson; 3d ward, A. H. Schaeffer and Geo. Kincaid; 4th ward, H. L. Shore and E. G. McNow.
City Treasurer—J. Geo. Brinkman.
City Attorney—F. V. Russell.
City Clerk—George Crummack.
Marshal—R. T. Ewalt.
Street Commissioner—Will A. Rush.

Populists Meet.

A delegate convention of the populists of Barton county was held in the court house Saturday afternoon last. Randall Livesay was made chairman and W. F. Honnen secretary.

The following delegates were elected by ballot, to attend the Appellate Court Convention at Dodge City, April 16th: T. H. Brewer, H. S. Everett, T. McGill, Jas. W. McCauley, W. W. Culver, W. F. Honnen, Jake Shiveley, W. H. Brown, S. S. Wilkinson, Sam Shattuck, M. C. Simpson and W. H. Russell. Jas. W. McCauley was elected as committeeman for Barton County.

\$2.00 For Lister Shares.

After this date I will put on Lister Shares, as follows: 14 inch for \$2; 16 inch, for \$2.25; 12 inch plow shares, \$2.25; 14 inch, \$2.50; 16 inch \$2.75. All shares guaranteed to be the best grade of steel in the market.

Also, 1 inch axle stubs, \$6.00; 1½ inch \$6.50. All boxes set by a wagon maker.

W. P. COLES.

We want to close out our stock of stoves, and are offering them at actual cost to us. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good stove at cost. This is no catch advertisement, but we mean business.

Great Bend Implement Co.

To TRADE—Improved city property in Great Bend, for land or a stock of goods. Call at or address this office.